WEALTHY BUILDER AND OWNER OF

RAILROADS BREATHES HIS LAST. Blairstown, N. J., Dec. 2.-John I. Blair died at here about 5 o'clock this morning, surclear to the last, death being due more to old age than to any active ailment. The funeral will be held on Tuesday. Special cars for the accommodation of relatives and friends living in New-York will be attached to the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western train leaving New-York at 10 o'clock that

John Insley Blair was born near Belvidere, War-ren County, N. J., on August 22, 1802. The Blair amily from which he is descended came from Scotand in 1720 and settled in Hunterdon County, N. J. Blatr was the founder of the American Another ancestor was Samuel Blair, one of the first professors in Princeton College, and at one time the vice-president of that institution. While one branch of the family was devoting itself to the dissemination of knowledge, another was moulding the commerce which has since become atter part of the eighteenth century another Sampel Blair was sent by a Philadelphia firm to take



Who died yesterday at the age of ninety-seven

Warren County. This Samuel Blair was John I.

Blatr's great-grandfather. Mr. Blair's father moved to Delaware, N. J., to look after the shipping of the fron from this furnace, the family removed to a farm on Beaver Creek, a short distance from Hope, where young Blair passed the first few years of his life. As was usual with farm boys in those days, he attended the schools in winter and helped his father the summer. The first manifestation he his rare business instincts and his indomitable determination was when he announced to his mother that his brothers and sisters could "go in education, but I intend to get rich." This i, the starting point in his financial career, ace when he was only ten years old. The ear he began to clerk in a general store at and so closely did he devote himself to his hat at fourtien he was looked upon as a herchant, and at nineteen he embarked in so for himself, opening a country store in a now Hairstown.

McKinley and Hobart. In 1898 he was defeated by Theodore F. Randolph in the contest for the Governorship of New-Jersey, but, aside from this he was never a candidate for public office.

For some years Mr. Blair had the distinction of being the oldest bank president in the country. His railroad building in the West attracted great notice. His plan was to organize a company to construct a road through an undeveloped section, and then induce people living along the route to issue municipal bonds sufficient to pay expenses. The actual work was done by a construction company of which Mr. Blair was the directing spirit. He laid out about eighty towns in the West, and at least one hundred churches have been helped by his generosity.

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Mr. Blair was one of the original directors of the Union Pacific Railrond. He was likewise a director in the following companies: The Warren Railrond, the Blairstown Railrond, the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the New-York, Susquehanna and Western, the New-York, Susquehanna and Western, the Roman Pacific, the Chicago and Northern, the Sloux City and Yankton, the Sloux Falls and Dakota, the Chicago and Pacific, the Chicago, lowa and Dakota, the St. Louis and Hannibal, the Kansas City and Southern, the Cedar Rapids and Missouri River, the Green Bay, Winona and St. Paul, the Green Bay and Stevens Point, the Sloux City, the Chicago, Iowa and Nebraska, the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley, the Maple River, Sussex and Mount Hope, the Cayuga and Susquehanna, and the Bangor and Portland.

Mr. Blair contributed an sndowment fund of 150,000 to the Presbyterian Academy in Blairstown which bears his name, and he likewise founded professorships in Princeton University and Lafayette College, besides giving generous aid to a number of Western colleges. To the Presbyterian Church as a whole he has given not less than 1500.000.

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In 1826 Mr. Blair married Nancy Locke, daughter of John Locke. Mrs. Blair died in 1888. Their children are De Witt Clinton Blair, Marcus L. (who is dead), Emma L. widow of Charles Scribner, the publisher, and Aurelia, wife of Clarence G. Mitchell, a lawyer.

#### BANKING FIRM NOT CHANGED.

Wall Street heard with regret, but with little surprize, of the death of John I. Blair. James A. Blair, of the banking firm of Blair & Co., said yesterday that the firm, of which John I. Blair was the senior member, would not be affected by his death The partnership continues as before, his interest remaining in the firm. Mr. Blair said: "The part harship agreement, particularly on account of Mr The partnership continues as before, his interest remaining in the firm. Mr. Blair said: "The partnership agreement, particularly on account of Mr. Blair's advanced age, carefully provided for such a contingency in order that the business of the firm should continue undisturbed by the death of any member."

## WOMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Hillsdale, N. J., Dec. 2.-An unknown woman was instantly killed by the 5:15 p. m. train for New-York on the New-York and New-Jersey road this evening. When just beyond Carlstadt the train lowed up and the engineer told the conductor that engine had struck something. 444 a brakeman went back with a lantern. They found the body of a middle aged German woman tear the track. It was frightfully mangled. No-body saw the woman before the train struck her.

#### SCHOONER EUREKA ASHORE.

San Francisco, Dec. 2.-The schooner Eureka, which left San Francisco on November 14, has gone ashore near Bandon, Coos Bay. It is not known whether any lives were lost. She carried a crew of five men.

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#### OBITUARY.

EX-MAYOR A. A. VAN VORST.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 2.-Abram A. Van Vorst, who was Mayor of this city for two terms, died at his home here early this morning in his ninetyfourth year. Mr. Van Vorst was generally credited with being the oldest bank president in the country. He had been at the head of a local banking institution for years, and had attended to his duttes regularly till a week ago, when he was stricken by the illness that resulted in his death.

DR. WILLIAM B. GARSIDE.

Dr. William B. Garside, who had practised medicine in Brooklyn for twenty-five years, died on Friday, at his home, No. 135 Gates-ave., in that borough, at the age of eighty-four. He was born in Harrison, Ohio, and had been connected with the Brooklyn Homeopathic Hospital, and became presi-dent of the Brooklyn Maternity Hospital and New-York School for Nurses. The funeral will be held at his home this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

#### CHARLES POTTER.

Charles Potter, president of the Potter Printing Press Company, died at his home, in West Seventh-st., Plainfield, N. J., yesterday, after a long illness. from a complication of maladies. He was born in Madison County, N. J., on April 21, 1824, received an academical education, and for a time was a school academical education, and for a time was a school teacher. In 1854 Mr. Potter made his first venture as a printing press manufacturer. In 1855 he organized a printing press manufacturing concern under the firm name of C. Potter, Jr., & Co., taking J. F. Hubbard, of Plainfield, as a partner. The plant was at Norwich, Conn., and from the start the business prospered. In 1879 it was decided to move the plant to Plainfield. Mr. Potter was an ardent member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and in accordance with his faith never allowed his business to be operated on Saturday. He was a director of the First National Bank of Plainfield, and leaves a widow and four daughters.

#### WILLIAM L. CLARK.

Northport, Long Island, Dec. 2.-William L. Clark, an ex-Judge of Winchester, Va., died at the home of his son, William L. Clark, jr., in this village yesterday. He was suffering from paralysis and a second and third shock followed shortly after his arrival here six months ago. Pneumonia set in a week ago and hastened his death.

Mr. Clark was born in Winchester, January 16, Mr. Clark was born in Winchester, January 16, 1830. He was a captain on the staff of Stonewall Jackson in the Civil War. He studied law in Yale and served as Judge for eight years.
Mr. Clark was a Mason and an Odd Fellow in Winchester, and a member of a camp of Confederate veterans. He leaves four sons, Chapman S., of Port Collins, Col.; William L. and Briscoe B., of this village, and J. Peyton, of Seattle, Wash., and three daughters, living in Winchester, Va.

#### JOHN DE TOPPO.

Chevalier John De Toppo, an importer and manufacturer of cigarettes in this city, died on Thursday at his home, No. 80 Halsted-st., East Orange, N. J., from consumption, after a long illness, during which he continued to manage his business by mail and telephone. He was born in Tries Austria, in 1861, and came to this country in 11 He married Miss Helyn M. Schofield, daughter Mrs. John J. Schofield, of this city, in 1863, and survives him. They had no children. The fune was held at his home yesterday afternoon. I buriel will take place at Hackensack to-day.

#### OBITUARY NOTES.

Manistee, Mich., Dec. 2 .- John Canfield, a wealthy lumberman, died to-day, aged sixty-nine. He had suffered from kidney troubles for several months. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 2.-Mrs. Alpheus B. Stickney, wife of the president of the Chicago Great Western Railway, died to-day at her home here after an illness of two years

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 2.-Dexter Stetson is dead at of the United States Lighthouse Board, and was the builder of the lighthouse at Cape Hatteras. He was eighty-four years old.

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 2.-George Clark, eightyseven years old, and prominent as a horticulturist, died suddenly at his home, near here, to-day of Bright's disease. He was born in Madison County, but had lived in Oswego seventy-five years.

#### J. B. HUSTED ARRESTED.

SUSPECTED OF STEALING A HORSE-PROPOSES TO SUE FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 2 (Special).-Joseph Burtis Husted, a well known man in Wall Street a few years ago, and former owner of the country home of William Rockefeller, jr., north of this village, was arrested in Stamford to-night. Mr. Husted had been authorized by his brother-in-law, Theo-dore F. Secor, of Brooklyn, to dispose of the horse and carriage, and while he was giving the animal drink at the watering trough in Stamford he met a prospective customer. He offered the rig for \$75 and then dropped to \$65. The customer became suspicious and informed the police, whereupon Chief Bowman took Mr. Husted into custody. remonstrated and referred to Samuel Fes- present proceedings are based. Husted remonstrated and referred to Samuel Fes-senden, E. C. Benedict and others. None of these men could be found, but he was finally re-leased upon the advice of Sheriff Fitzroy, of Green-wich, who vouched for his honesty. Husted now proposes to sue the city of Stamford for false im-prisonment. The horse is twenty-eight years old, and was sold to Frank E. Provost, ex-Inspector Williams's grocer at Coscob, for \$40.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR FOR A BANK.

MERCANTILE CO-OPERATIVE INSTITUTION AL-LEGED TO HAVE A DEFICIT AND TO BE INSOLVENT.

Newburg, N. Y., Dec. 2.-John P. Coyne, representing the Attorney General's office, moved before Justice Hirshberg this morning for the appointment of a receiver in the case of the Mercantile Co-operative Bank of New-York City. He alleged that the bank had a deficit of \$406,000, and was insolvent. Mr. Hoyt, the bank's attorney, denied that the bank was insolvent, but admitted that the bank had lost money. The shareholders only, who bank had lost money. The shareholders only, who had lost 50 per cent of what they had put in the benk, were concerned, and he demanded that they be allowed to liquidate the affairs of the bank in their own way. He asked for an adjournment. The case was held open until Wednesday, when it will come up in Part V, Brooklyn. The bank has eassets in fifteen States, and is now under injunction.

H. R. Hoyt, the counsel for the bank, was not at home when a Tribune reporter called at his house, No. 2 East Seventy-fifth-st., last night. An effort was made to see his law partner, Alexander Mason, but he could not be found. Archibald M. Pentz, who until April last was a director of the bark, was seen at his house. No. 124 East Fifty-seventh-st., but he stated that since he resigned he had taken no interest of any kind in the bank, and knew nothing of its affairs.

BURGLARS CAUSE DISASTROUS FIRE.

WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH AT HANCOCK-REWARD OFFERED.

Binghamton, N. Y., Dec. 2.-A grocery, a hardware store and a drug store were destroyed by fire at Hancock, fifty miles east of this city, early this morning, and Mrs. Ann Tarbox, eighty years old, was burned to death. The fire was caused by explosives used by burglars who were trying to blow open a safe. Several families were made homeless. The losses will aggregate £0,000, with about £14,000 insurance. A reward of £500 is offered for the apprehension of the incendiaries.

WORK OF BOARD OF CHARITIES. Albany, Dec. 2.—The State Poard of Charities has made the investigation of county almshouses and the recommendation to boards of supervisors of improvements to be made therein an important feature of its work this year. Investigations were made of these institutions by the members of the Board having charge of the district in which each institution is situated, and by Byron M. Child, Superintendent of State and Alien Poor. Reports the result of the same have already been sent to the various boards of supervisors. Superintendent Child has submitted to the State Board of Charities a report summarizing the conditions found. In it he says that the needs were found to exist more in equipment than in the methods or manner of management. The county poor authorities were found to be entirely willing to follow any recommendations made, but, of course, were restricted in making improvements by the lack of appropriations. Existing conditions can be remedied only by appropriations by the boards of supervisors. The presence of idiots and feeble minded persons and the commitments in some counties of able bodied vagrants and disorderly persons to county poorhouses were two of the most serious evils found. Charities a report summarizing the conditions

VICTORIA JUBILEE BRIDGE OPENED. Montreal, Dec. 2 (Special).-The new Victoria Jubilee Bridge, which crosses the St. Lawrence here and is nearly two miles long, was opened to wagon traffic yesterday. The old Victoria tubular bridge had only a single railway track, but the bridge had only a single failway track, but the new bridge, built upon the old piers, carries two railway tracks, a driveway for vehicles, a bicycle path and a footpath. Tolls are levied—5 cents for foot passengers, 15 cents for bicycle and 75 cents for vehicles. A solid fron screen ten feet high divides the roadway from the railway, with a view to pravent the scaring of horses.

PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FINE ARTS SOCIETY THINKS THE TIME NOT YET RIPE FOR THE PROJECT.

Regarding the proposed union of all the art societies of this city in one organization, and the plan for holding a representative exhibition of painting. sculpture and architecture in Madison Square Garden, Howard Russell Butler, president of the American Fine Arts Society, said yesterday to a Tribun

den, Howard Russell Butler, president of the American Fine Arts Society, said yesterday to a Tribune reporter:

I am deeply in sympathy with the idea of bringing the art organizations of this city together at a centre, provided it is done on practical lines. I have steadily advocated co-operation since the spring of 1889, when I proposed the erection of the Fine Arts Building, in which six of the prominent art societies of this city are now domiciled. The plan discussed in The Tribune yesterday and to-day has, I believe, a double aim. First, to hold a general exhibition of American art in Madison Square Garden, and, second, to establish a home on a grand scale for all art societies.

A plan for a general exhibition in Madison Square Garden was proposed in 1891. A representative committee spent the entire winter in exploiting such an exhibition, and the plan was finally abandoned because of the unsuitableness of the place and the immense expense, estimated at \$60.000, of preparing the hall and conducting the exhibition. I do not say that it cannot be done. If it is done it must be by the joint action of the societies, not by direct invitation to artists. There are a large number of art societies in the city, seven of which are exhibiting societies. A general exhibition in which all are invited to submit works, and in which appear all classes of art production, would mean the abandonment for the year in which it was held of all the usual exhibitions of these seven societies. It stands to reason that there would not be enough work for both.

I can hardly agree with the views of George Reister, when he says in The Tribune that instead of a multiplicity of art societies we should have one society, and that the different classes of art workers should be represented within the mother organizations in this city, but on becoming better acquainted with their internal interests. I found that all these societies had a right to live. They have sprung up of good stock, but in uncongenia soil. They are coteries of have, deter

M'MAHON AND HEYDECKER HEARING.

MUCH DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SUBMITTED CASE ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY.

and collusion preferred by Ignatius Weltner, or No. 206 Broadway, against Fulton McMahon and Edward L Heydecker, of No. 111 Broadway, both esterday morning before Magistrate Mayo in the private examination room in the Centre-st. police ourt. On behalf of the complainant there present as prosecutors Edward A. Alexander, of No. 206 Broadway, and Assistant District Attor-neys Le Barbier and Byrne. The defence was represented by Simon Sterne. At the beginning of the proceedings Mr. Alexander stated that he was in a position to prove by the introduction of testimony that the two lawyers had violated Section 148 of the Penal Code, which applied to collusion and deception before the Supreme Court. The first witness called was the complainant, Mr. Weltner, who identified a number of letters written on the subject of the estate of one George Argawetz, who died in 1895, and over the settlement of which the

There was considerable documentary evidence, including papers on file in the offices of the County Clerk and Public Administrator. These were ac knowledged and identified as being in the handwriting of the accused lawyers. They covered a period of more than three years. Counsel for the defendants, as well as the defendants themselves, offered no opposition to the admission of the mass of documentary evidence produced.

Papers relating to the property of George Argavetz at No. 680 Herkimer-st., Brooklyn, and which had been procured from the office of the County had been procured from the office of the County Clerk of Kings County, were also introduced, Mr. McMahon said that the matter had been argued before Judge Smith, in Brooklyn, on Wednesday last, and that his action and that of Mr. Heydecker met with the approval of Judge Smith. There were several tilts between counsel over the signatures to papers introduced, Mr. Alexander said one of them was a copy of the "original signature of Mr. Heydecker." This caused Mr. McMahon to laugh heartily, Dr. Slicer, who was present, joining in the laughter. A few minutes later Dr. Slicer learned of the presence in the examination room of the brother of District Attorney Gardiner, and said sarcastically:

"Is he a kewyer? This whole thing might be characterized as a strategic movement, without sufficient ammunition to maintain a point of attack."

Mr. Sterne asked for an adjournment, on the ground that he wanted to say goodby to his brother, who, he said, was to sail on the Campania, Magistrate Mayo, in order to accommodate Mr. Sterne, adjourned the case to 3 o'clock on Wednesday next at Jefferson Market Court, where the taking of testimony will be continued.

MEETING TO DISCUSS THE STATE PRISONS The Prison Association of New-York, in order to create a right public sentiment regarding the affairs of the State prisons and especially the ditions it has recently discovered to exist in them, is about to hold a series of public meetings in variby the society's corresponding secretary and others. The first meeting of the senson in the neighborhood of New-York will be held at New-Rochelle in the parish house, on the evening of December 8. This will be followed by meetings in all the towns along the Hudson River and in the northern tier.

MANY LEFT WAILING ON THE PIER. When the North German Lloyd steamer Ems left

her pier in Hoboken yesterday about five hundred angry Italians pranced about the pier amid wild excitement. They all had tickets for Genoa, but the officials of the line declared that the steamer had a full passenger list and therefore no more could be taken aboard. By utilizing the second cabin staterooms and the space generally devoted cabin staterooms and the space generally devoted to storing the baggage of cabin passengers, the officials managed to provide room for 1,800 steerage passengers. Among those who were left behind were many women and children, who cried bitterly when the vessel departed without them. Many of the men were exceedingly angry, but a platoon of police kept them in courrol. The five hundred emigrants will be kept at the expense of the company until to-morrow, when they will be transferred to the Prince Line and forwarded to Italy on the steamer which sails on that day.

## CROSS COUNTRY RUN AT ITHACA.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 2.-In a cross country run over six and one-half mile course here to-day the Cornell team defeated the Yale team by a score of 36 to 19 points. Captain Sweet, of Cornell, won first place. Smith, of Yale, was the only member of that team who gave Cornell cause to worry. ber of that team who gave Cornell cause to worry. At the first half mile he had second place. Sweet having taken the lead at the start and held it until the finish, covering the distance in 38 minutes and 38 seconds. Captain Adams, of Yale, finished after having run fully half the distance while suffering from cramps. The order at the finish was Sweet, Cornell; Smith, Yale; Torrence, Finch, Berry and Strowger, Cornell; Waldron, Teel, Butts and Adams, Yale.

## NO REPLY TO DR. M'CONNELL.

Concerning the criticisms which the Rev. Dr. S. D. McConnell, rector of Holy Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, has made upon the methods employed in the administrations of the methods employed in the administrations of the funds and affairs of the Episcopai Board of Missions, no one connected with the Board yesterday could be found who was prepared to reply to Dr. McConnell. The Rev. Joshua Kimber, associate secretary of the organization, refused to make any secretary of the organization, refused to make any comment whatever, and suggested that the matter was one upon which only the members of the Board ought to speak. The Rev. Drs. John W. Brown and William R. Huntington are members of the Board bas neither could be seen last night.

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MATTERS IN CUBA.

DISCUSSION OF THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT GOES ON-ISLAND REPORTED QUIET.

Havana, Dec. 2.-Civil Governor Emilio Nufiez had a conference to-day with Secretary of State Capote, in the course of which he announced that he had officially instructed all the Mayors in Havana Province to refrain from joining in the protests against the establishment of a civil government which are being made at the veteran centres, as the Mayors and superior authorities cannot, under existing laws, take part in politics.

"La Lucha" says that in war times Marti. Gomez, Maceo and Garcia stood distinctly above all others, but now there cannot be found one test against the appointment of an American civil governor, and want a Cuban appointed to were nominated the selection would cause protests as energetic as those now being made. The chief aspirants, "La Lucha" says, would be Señors Lanuza, Capote, Freyre, Andrade, La-Collazo, Bandera, Rabe, the two Sanguilys and several other persons of similar position, not one of whom would be acceptable to Over 200 titles to select from, pub-

Three leading Cuban generals-Lacret, Morlot and Acevedo-are organizing a syndicate to form into a canal the Conca River. They expect to employ three thousand men. All three declare themselves averse to any change in the

General Maximo Gomez presided at a meeting of the Emilio Nuñez Club to-day, and proposed that all the provinces in the Island should im-mediately be asked to send members to a meet-ing to be held in Havana for the purpose of electing a committee empowered to represent Cuba to the American Government, and to endeavor to obtain from the United States what the meeting authorized them to ask for.

In answer to inquiries regarding the condi-tion of affairs in the various provinces of the island, the Civil Governors have replied that the greatest calm prevails. .

GOVERNOR COMING HERE TO CONFER.

WILL DISCUSS CANAL MATTERS AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION WITH SENATOR PLATT AND OTHERS.

Senator Platt went to Washington yesterday Benator Platt with the stalk with Speaker Nixon of the Assembly regarding committee chairmanships. Mr. Nixon and Chairman Odell of the Republican State Committee had a talk in the Fifth Avenue Hotel in the forenoon, and when Mr. Nixon started for his home, in Chautauqua, he said there had been no decision as to the chairman of the Committee on Cities. Mr. Odell said later that the chairman of the Committee on Cities might be an Assemblyman from some country district. Senator Platt is not expected to come back to this city until Friday evening. Mr. Nixon will see Governor Roosevelt at Albany on Thursday, and probably will not come to the city for a further conference with the Republican organization leaders.

Governor Roosevelt will come to this city or Thursday evening, according to the present under-standing among the leaders. He will have a talk on Friday with General Francis V. Greene and on Friday with General Francis V. Greene and other members of the Canal Advisory Commission at the home of Dougias Robinson, in Madison-ave. Wallace Macfarlane and Austen G. Fox, who were counsel to investigate the canal frauds, probably will take part in the conference. The Governor wants to know what legislation is to be recommended by the Commission.

On Saturday morning the Governor and Senator Platt probably will have breakfast together in Mr. Robinson's house, and Chairman Odell probably will be with them. The Governor's message to the Legislature is being prepared, and some of its points probably will be talked over at the breakfast. There are several other subjects to be discussed with Senator Platt, such as charter amendments, the Constabulary bill and committee chairmanships.

WILL SAIL ON PACIFIC WATERS. Bath, Me., Dec. 2.-The steel bark Kalulani, built

by Arthur Sewall & Co., was launched at the works here to-day. The vessel is of 1800 tons net register. She was built for the Williams-Dimond Company, of San Francisco, for use in the Pacific trade.

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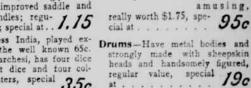
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Red Rose and Tiger Lily .-Meade. The Children's Pilgrimage.— The Little Lame Prince.-Mu-Sundown Songs. - Laura Rich-A Hole in the Wall .- Louisa M.

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